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THE WHITE HOUSE

FOLLOWING IS AN EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS BETWEEN THE PRESI-
DENT AND GENERAL C.P. CABELL

December 29, 1961

Dear General Cabell:

I have your letter of December 27, stating your desire for relief from your duties as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, effective January 31, 1962.

In accepting your decision, I wish you to know that your able and dedicated service will be remembered with gratitude not only by all those with whom you have worked in the Central Intelligence Agency, but also by those outside the agency who have known of your work in two Administrations. I know that Mr. McCone shares my own appreciation of your willingness to stay on through this period of transition in the Central Intelligence Agency until the end of January.

I note with particular satisfaction your comment on the outstanding competence and devotion to duty of the staff of the Central Intelligence Agency. Your own effective administrative leadership, as Deputy to Mr. Allen Dulles, has had much to do with the development of what is indeed an outstanding corps of civil servants. I know it will be the purpose of Mr. McCone and his associates to carry on the work which Mr. Dulles and you have so ably advanced.

Sincerely,
(s)
John F. Kennedy

General C. P. Cabell, USAF
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

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December 27, 1961

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to inform you of my desire to be relieved of my duties as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, effective 31 January 1962. I have discussed this with Mr. McCone who concurs. Retirement from the Air Force would be concurrent.

I shall be completing nearly 37 years as a commissioned officer in the military service of the United States, of which almost 18 will have been spent in General Officer grades. Since April 1953, I have served as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

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It has been my privilege to serve with many dedicated people, both civilian and military. As I leave the Central Intelligence Agency it appears appropriate to say that I have found its staff outstanding in competence and devotion to duty. I am confident that they will continue to support you, Mr. McCone, and my successor to the best of their abilities.

Respectfully yours,

(s)

C. P. Cabell

General, USAF

Deputy Director

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